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March 19, 1979

TO: STATE REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
STATE REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)

SUBJECT: Epilepsy Foundation of America Short-Term Training Workshops
on Epilepsy and Employment

CONTENT: The Epilepsy Foundation of America has been awarded a short-term training grant of national scope to conduct five workshops for vocational rehabilitation personnel throughout the country. Areas of emphasis for the workshops have been drawn primarily from the Foundation's Training and Placement Service (TAPS) Project.

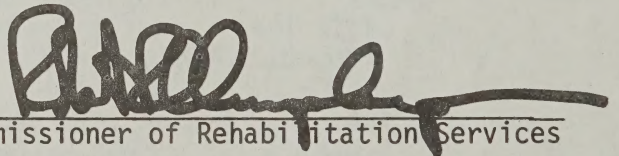
The TAPS Project, funded by contract through the Department of Labor with Comprehensive Employment and Training Act monies, is currently operating in six cities (Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Portland, Oregon, and San Antonio) to develop employment opportunities for persons with epilepsy. This goal is being accomplished through the solicitation of local prime sponsors, school systems, employers, and vocational rehabilitation agencies. The TAPS staff endeavors to work closely with vocational rehabilitation counselors in order to compliment placement efforts. In several locales, employment projects for persons with epilepsy have been developed and funded by State vocational rehabilitation agencies using the TAPS model.

The purpose of the workshops will be to present and review innovative approaches to employment services for persons with epilepsy. Subject areas will include the medical and social aspects of the disorder, community development, client out-reach and intake, client motivation and preparation techniques, job development, and follow-through on placements. Faculty for each workshop will consist of national and local TAPS project staff and guest speakers representing consumers and service providers within each workshops' designated geographic area. The development of these workshops is in accordance with the recommendations of the National Commission on the Control of Epilepsy and Its Consequences.

The workshops are intended principally for Directors of Training and related personnel within each State vocational rehabilitation agency. However, attendance is open to other concerned staff. There is no registration fee or other charge for attendance at the workshops. Reimbursement of expenses, at Federally determined rates, will be provided for the Director of Training, or other individuals designated by each State's Vocational Rehabilitation Director.

It is hoped that a representative of each State vocational rehabilitation agency will be able to participate in the workshop specified for that State. Information regarding registration will be forwarded to each State vocational rehabilitation agency by the office of the Executive Director, Epilepsy Foundation of America.

INQUIRIES William A. Wells, Projector Director, RSA Grant
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Attachment:
Listing of scheduled workshops
Listing of State designations for workshops

SCHEDULED RSA GRANT WORKSHOPS

May 9-11-----San Antonio, Texas
June 13-15-----Boston, Massachusetts
July 11-13-----Portland, Oregon
August 8-10-----Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 22-24-----Atlanta, Georgia

STATE DESIGNATIONS FOR WORKSHOPS

Atlanta: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi,
North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina,
Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

San Antonio: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana,
Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Boston: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine,
Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey,
New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

Portland, Oregon: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada,
Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Minneapolis: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska,
North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin

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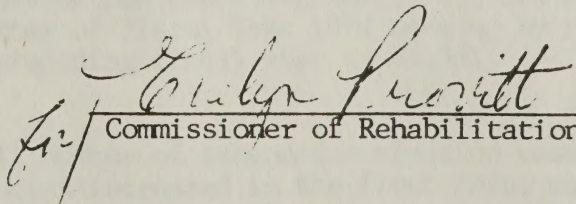
TO: STATE REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
STATE REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS (HDS)
REGIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CASELOAD ACTIVITY: TOTAL, SEVERE
AND NON-SEVERE, OCTOBER 1 to DECEMBER 31, 1977 and 1978

CONTENT: The following tables present data taken from two quarterly
statistical reporting forms (RSA-101 and 102) for the first
three months of Fiscal Year 1979.

The continuing emphasis on priority services to severely disabled individuals was evident in the first quarter of the current fiscal year. Although State agencies handled fewer cases overall, the proportions of severely disabled cases in all actions involving active cases increased by roughly four percentage points over a year ago. With the exception of rehabilitations which were 48 percent severe, at least half of the active cases handled from October to December, 1978 were classified as severely disabled. Active cases served by (available to) State agencies and newly accepted active cases were both 54 percent severe. By the end of the first quarter, 54 percent of all cases on hand in the active caseload were of severely disabled cases. Generally, the absolute number of the severely disabled also increased in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1979.

Overall caseload activity through December, 1978 declined from last year. Fewer cases entered the State-Federal VR program in referral, applicant and active statuses. By December 31, 1978 there were fewer cases in the major stages of the VR process than on the same day one year earlier.



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Attachments

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HIGHLIGHTS

Table 1 - Number of referral, applicant, extended evaluation and active cases in State vocational rehabilitation agencies, and percent change - October 1 through December 31, 1977 and 1978

1. A total of 300,851 referral cases were available to State agencies during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1979. These cases represented a decline of 9.5 percent from the total available in the same period of the previous year. Similarly, new referrals decreased from last year by 7.6 percent to 220,448.
2. State agencies processed 9.4 percent fewer referrals in the three-month period from October to December, 1978 than from October to December, 1977. Cases closed ineligible for VR services from Status 00 in the first quarter of the current fiscal year were down by 16.3 percent and cases placed into applicant status (02) declined by 7.2 percent from the prior year.
3. The number of cases on hand in referral on December 31, 1978 dropped by 9.9 percent from the same date one year earlier.
4. Cases available in Status 02 (applicants) in the first three months of Fiscal Year 1979 totalled 475,178, 5.4 percent less than a year ago.
5. Applicant cases processed for eligibility from October through December, 1978 declined by 8.3 percent from the comparable period of the previous year. Cases accepted for VR (Status 10) declined by 9.2 percent, while cases accepted for extended evaluation (Status 06) increased by 10.5 percent over last year. Applicant cases closed not accepted for VR or extended evaluation (Status 08) declined by 9.6 percent from the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1978.
6. There were 308,140 cases remaining in Status 02 on December 31, 1978, 3.7 percent less than on December 31, 1979.
7. Extended evaluation cases available to State agencies in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1979 were up by roughly one percent over the preceding fiscal year to 43,381.
8. The overall number of extended evaluation cases processed by State agencies increased in the first three months of the immediate fiscal year by 18.6 percent over the previous year. Extended evaluation cases accepted for VR in this period increased by 33.8 percent and cases closed not eligible for VR services increased by 2.8 percent.

9. Four percent fewer cases were in extended evaluation (Status 06) on December 31, 1978 than on December 31, 1977.
10. Active cases served (available) from October to December, 1978 were down by 4.9 percent from the prior year to 813,651. New active cases accepted since October 1, 1978 totalled 97,674, 7.3 percent less than one year earlier.
11. Closures from the active caseload decreased by 6.8 percent from Fiscal Year 1978 with cases closed not rehabilitated after the individualized written rehabilitation program is initiated (Status 28) experiencing the largest decline, 8.3 percent. Rehabilitations accomplished through December, 1978 were down by 6.4 percent from the comparable period in the prior fiscal year.
12. Active cases on hand at the end of the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1979 decreased by 4.6 percent from the preceding year. Cases remaining in counseling and guidance only (Status 14) accounted for the only increase in the individual statuses (10-24), 4.3 percent. Declines in the residual group of statuses ranged from 3.1 percent (In employment - Status 22) to 6.7 percent (Program development - Statuses 10-12).

Table 2 - Severely disabled clients in the active caseload of State vocational rehabilitation agencies - Quarters ended December 31, 1977 and 1978

1. Slightly more than one-half (53.7 percent) of the cases available in the active caseload of State agencies during the first three months of Fiscal Year 1979 were severely disabled. One year earlier, severely disabled cases accounted for half of the active cases served (available) in this three-month period. These 436,667 severely disabled cases were two percent more than the severely disabled cases served in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1978.
2. Although new severely disabled cases accounted for a larger proportion of the active cases accepted since October 1 in Fiscal Year 1979 (54.2 percent vs. 51.2 percent in Fiscal Year 1978), they were down by 1.9 percent from the first quarter of the prior year.
3. Nearly one-half (47.9 percent) of the 67,746 cases closed rehabilitated from October 1 to December 31, 1978 were classified as severe. Severely disabled rehabilitations represented only 43.6 percent of the total rehabilitations accomplished during this period in the preceding year. Compared to the number of severe cases closed rehabilitated last year, severely disabled cases closed rehabilitated through December 31, 1978

increased by 2.9 percent. Severely disabled cases closed not rehabilitated declined by less than one percent (0.3 percent).

4. Severe cases remaining in the active caseload on December 31, 1978 increased by 2.1 percent over a year ago to 384,445 cases and represented 54.1 percent of the active cases on hand on that day.

Table 3 - Persons rehabilitated by State vocational rehabilitation agencies - Severely disabled rehabilitations - Quarters ended December 31, 1977 and 1978

1. The number of severely disabled cases closed rehabilitated in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1979 (32,466) represented 48 percent of the total so closed. Regionally, the proportions ranged from 34 percent in Region VI to 66 percent in Region II.
2. Nationally, severely disabled persons whose cases were closed rehabilitated in the first three months of Fiscal Year 1979 increased by 2.9 percent over the number of cases so closed in the same period a year ago.

Table 1. - Number of referral, applicant, extended evaluation and active cases in State vocational rehabilitation agencies, and percent change - October 1 through December 31, 1977 and 1978

	Oct. 1 through Dec. 31		Percent change
	Fiscal Year 1979	Fiscal Year 1978	
<u>Referrals (00)</u>			
Number available	300,851	332,451	- 9.5
On hand, Oct. 1	80,403	93,853	-14.3
New since Oct. 1	220,448	238,598	- 7.6
Number processed	217,635	240,147	- 9.4
Placed in applicant status (02)	169,558	182,720	- 7.2
Not accepted for VR (08)	48,077	57,427	-16.3
Total on hand, Dec. 31	83,216	92,304	- 9.9
<u>Applicants (02)</u>			
Number available	475,178	502,198	- 5.4
On hand, Oct. 1	305,620	319,478	- 4.3
New since Oct. 1	169,558	182,720	- 7.2
Number processed	167,038	182,122	- 8.3
Accepted for VR (10)	91,354	100,615	- 9.2
Accepted for EE (06)	11,009	9,966	+10.5
Not accepted for VR or EE (08)	64,675	71,541	- 9.6
Total on hand, Dec. 31	308,140	320,076	- 3.7
<u>Extended Evaluation (06)</u>			
Number available	43,381	43,034	+ 0.8
On hand, Oct. 1	32,372	33,068	- 2.1
New since Oct. 1	11,009	9,966	+10.5
Number processed	11,025	9,298	+18.6
Accepted for VR (10)	6,320	4,724	+33.8
Not accepted for VR (08)	4,703	4,574	+ 2.8
Total on hand, Dec. 31	32,358	33,736	- 4.1
<u>Active Cases (10-30)</u>			
Number available	813,651	855,125	- 4.9
On hand, Oct. 1	715,977	749,786	- 4.5
New since Oct. 1	97,674	105,339	- 7.3
Number closed	103,451	111,011	- 6.8
Rehabilitated (26)	67,746	72,360	- 6.4
Not rehabilitated (28)	26,093	28,448	- 8.3
Not rehabilitated (30)	9,612	10,203	- 5.8
Total on hand, Dec. 31	710,200	744,114	- 4.6
Program development (10-12)	95,343	102,234	- 6.7
Counseling and guidance only (14)	47,746	45,772	+ 4.3
Restoration or training (16-18)	397,746	417,820	- 4.8
Ready for employment (20)	48,025	51,549	- 6.8
In employment (22)	78,333	80,870	- 3.1
Service interrupted (24)	43,007	45,869	- 6.2

Table 2. - Severely disabled clients in the active caseload of State vocational rehabilitation agencies - Quarters ended December 31, 1977 and 1978

Caseload item	Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 1978				Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 1977			
	All clients <u>1/</u>	Severely disabled <u>2/</u>	Percent severe <u>3/</u>	Percent change <u>4/</u>	All clients <u>1/</u>	Severely disabled <u>2/</u>	Percent severe <u>3/</u>	Percent change <u>4/</u>
Cases on hand, Oct. 1 (Statuses 10 to 24)	715,977	383,700	53.6	+2.6	749,786	374,086	49.9	+2.9
New since Oct. 1	97,674	52,967	54.2	-1.9	105,339	53,978	51.2	+5.5
Total available	813,651	436,667	53.7	+2.0	855,125	428,064	50.1	+3.2
Total processed	103,451	52,222	50.5	+1.7	111,011	51,357	46.3	+0.1
Rehabilitated	67,746	32,466	47.9	+2.9	72,360	31,548	43.6	+0.5
Not rehabilitated	35,705	19,756	55.3	-0.3	38,651	19,809	51.3	-0.5
Cases on hand, Dec. 31 (Statuses 10 to 24)	710,200	384,445	54.1	+2.1	744,114	376,707	50.6	+3.6

1/ Source: Form RSA-101

2/ Source: Form RSA-102

3/ Col. 2 - Col. 1 ; Col. 6 - Col. 5

4/ Comparison to same period of previous year.

Table 3. - Persons Rehabilitated by State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies
Severely Disabled Rehabilitations - Quarters Ended December 31,
1977 and 1978

Region and agency	Severely disabled rehabilitations			Severely disabled rehabilitations as a percent of all rehabilitations	
	Through	Through	Percent change	FY 1979	FY 1978
	Dec. 31, 1978	Dec. 31, 1977			
U.S. TOTAL	32,466	31,548	+ 2.9	48	44
Region I	1,775	1,788	- 0.8	66	59
Connecticut.....	395	345	+ 14.5	58	48
Maine.....	96	136	- 29.4	57	53
Massachusetts.....	820	823	- 0.4	69	59
New Hampshire.....	94	161	- 41.6	64	69
Rhode Island.....	119	153	- 22.2	56	63
Vermont.....	93	40	+132.5	67	51
*Connecticut.....	29	14	+107.1	100	100
*Massachusetts.....	104	84	+ 23.8	100	100
*Rhode Island.....	22	25	- 12.0	100	100
*Vermont.....	3	7	a/	100	100
Region II	3,170	2,931	+ 8.2	66	63
New Jersey.....	1,046	938	+ 11.5	69	62
New York.....	1,619	1,550	+ 4.5	67	66
Puerto Rico.....	222	156	+ 42.3	38	32
Virgin Islands.....	4	4	- -	57	57
*New Jersey.....	53	56	- 5.4	85	86
*New York.....	226	227	- 0.4	100	100
Region III	5,923	4,698	+ 26.1	47	40
Delaware.....	72	73	- 1.4	48	48
District of Columbia...	49	98	- 50.0	53	64
Maryland.....	755	756	- 0.1	49	43
Pennsylvania.....	3,957	2,709	+ 46.1	47	38
Virginia.....	765	689	+ 11.0	44	38
West Virginia.....	252	227	+ 11.0	40	34
*Delaware.....	1	0	a/	100	0
*Pennsylvania.....	1**	91	- 98.9	1	87
*Virginia.....	71	55	+ 29.1	81	70
Region IV	6,786	7,626	- 11.0	46	40
Alabama.....	926	1,184	- 21.8	58	53
Florida.....	1,234	1,112	+ 11.0	54	47
Georgia.....	1,005	1,397	- 28.1	46	45
Kentucky.....	309	276	+ 12.0	41	26
Mississippi.....	3751	368	+ 1.9	39	43
North Carolina.....	1,078	1,090	- 1.1	44	36
South Carolina.....	1,037	1,340	- 22.6	35	28
Tennessee.....	492	470	+ 4.7	44	40
*Florida.....	83	86	- 3.5	72	67
*Kentucky.....	13	31	- 58.1	43	58
*Mississippi.....	23	31	- 25.8	59	51
*North Carolina.....	86	142	- 39.4	63	64
*South Carolina.....	73	60	+ 21.7	100	98
*Tennessee.....	52	39	+ 33.3	95	93
Region V	5,145	5,176	- 0.6	50	49
Illinois.....	1,270	1,374	- 7.6	52	57
Indiana.....	488	511	- 4.5	55	56
Michigan.....	957	998	- 4.1	46	39
Minnesota.....	573	655	- 12.5	52	51
Ohio.....	1,221	1,051	+ 16.2	49	44
Wisconsin.....	485	487	- 0.4	47	50
*Michigan.....	87	52	+ 67.3	100	100
*Minnesota.....	64	48	+ 33.3	88	89

See footnotes at end of table.

(continued)

Table 3. - Persons Rehabilitated by State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies
Severely Disabled Rehabilitations - Quarters Ended December 31,
1977 and 1978

Region and agency	Severely disabled rehabilitations			Severely disabled rehabilitations as a percent of all rehabilitations	
	Through	Through	Percent change		
	Dec. 31, 1978	Dec. 31, 1977		FY 1979	FY 1978
Region VI	2,935	3,079	- 4.7	34	33
Arkansas.....	519	456	+ 13.8	50	47
Louisiana.....	685	639	+ 7.2	42	36
New Mexico.....	89	180	- 50.6	43	48
Oklahoma.....	393	542	- 27.5	24	26
Texas.....	1,016	999	+ 1.7	28	27
*Texas.....	233	263	- 11.4	43	55
Region VII	1,763	1,851	- 4.8	47	47
Iowa.....	408	395	+ 3.3	50	50
Kansas.....	228	211	+ 8.1	43	35
Missouri.....	849	1,039	- 18.3	47	49
Nebraska.....	215	132	+ 62.9	44	41
*Iowa.....	26	18	+ 44.4	100	100
*Kansas.....	21	332	- 34.4	72	82
*Missouri.....	15	8	a/	79	53
*Nebraska.....	1	16	- 93.8	100	100
Region VIII	1,127	952	+ 18.4	49	45
Colorado.....	513	373	+ 37.5	51	43
Montana.....	82	93	- 11.8	52	50
North Dakota.....	117	87	+ 34.5	49	42
South Dakota.....	86	109	- 21.1	37	39
Utah.....	210	195	+ 7.7	45	47
Wyoming.....	105	81	+ 29.6	56	51
*Montana.....	5	6	a/	33	43
*Utah.....	9	8	a/	100	100
Region IX	2,473	2,094	+ 18.1	48	46
Arizona.....	257	280	- 8.2	59	55
California.....	1,997	1,616	+ 23.6	46	45
Guam.....	9	5	a/	38	31
Hawaii.....	87	84	+ 3.6	48	48
Nevada.....	86	64	+ 34.4	42	31
Trust Terr. Pac. Isl...	6**	2**	a/	67	100
*Nevada.....	31	43	- 27.9	70	77
Region X	1,369	1,353	+ 1.2	55	48
Alaska.....	29	32	- 9.4	34	34
Idaho.....	156	181	- 13.8	82	71
Oregon.....	636	589	+ 8.0	58	52
Washington.....	478	499	- 4.2	45	39
*Idaho.....	14	14	- -	100	100
*Oregon.....	23	17	+ 35.3	100	100
*Washington.....	33	21	+ 57.1	100	81

a/ Percent change not shown where base is less than 10.

* Blind agency

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